REMARKS

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The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of all claims is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to improve claim language without otherwise touching the merits. The Abstract has been placed in USPTO compliant form. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

All formal matters are believed successfully overcome. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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